

United States Court of Appeals  
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

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No. 97-3753

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Sammy Sharp,

Appellant,

v.

Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner  
of Social Security,

Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States  
District Court for the  
Western District of Arkansas.  
[UNPUBLISHED]

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Submitted: April 13, 1998

Filed: May 19, 1998

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Before WOLLMAN, BEAM, and MORRIS SHEPPARD ARNOLD, Circuit Judges.

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PER CURIAM.

On November 18, 1993, Sammy Sharp filed an application for supplemental security income benefits and disability insurance benefits under the Social Security Act. Sharp alleged disability due to diabetes, chronic dermatitis, and weak spells, with an onset date of April 1, 1993. His application was denied initially and upon reconsideration. Following a hearing, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) found that Sharp was disabled as of March 1, 1995, but that he was not disabled prior to that date. After the Appeals Council denied Sharp's request for review, the ALJ's decision

became the final determination of the Commissioner. Sharp appealed the Commissioner's decision to the district court,<sup>1</sup> seeking an earlier onset date. The district court granted summary judgment in favor of the Commissioner.

After a careful review of the administrative record, we conclude that substantial evidence supports the Commissioner's determination that Sharp was not disabled prior to March 1, 1995. Because an extended opinion would serve no precedential value, we affirm for the reasons set forth in the district court's memorandum opinion. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

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<sup>1</sup>The Honorable Bobby E. Shepherd, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, to whom the case was referred for final disposition by consent of the parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).